

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 432  
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A RESOLUTION to honor Eboni Star Gill, 1996 Memphis/Shelby  
County Spelling Bee Winner.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Eboni Star Gill is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as Spelling Bee Champion of the 1996 Memphis/Shelby County Spelling Bee; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, this straight "A" student has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in her laudable school career, Eboni Star Gill, a twelve-year-old Whitehaven Elementary sixth-grader, has scored in the 99th national percentile for 13 of 15 test areas on the Tennessee Comprehensive Exams Program (TCAP) and has scored in the 98th percentile for the remaining two test areas; and

WHEREAS, Eboni Star Gill's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, the Spelling Bee Champ names Vice President Al Gore, Mrs. Tipper Gore, Penny Hardaway, Tennessee Speaker Pro Tem Representative Lois DeBerry, Tennessee Representative Henri Brooks, U.S. Marshall Buck Woods, NAACP's Maxine Smith, Tennessee Senator Roscoe Dixon, her parents and numerous others as her role models; and

WHEREAS, the preteen “Star” is a member of Girl Scout Troup 468, the Whitehaven Elementary Honor Society, Memphis City Schools CLUE program for gifted children and numerous other distinguished programs; and

WHEREAS, Eboni Star Gill is a disciplined and self-motivated young achiever and devout Christian, and her noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Eboni Star Gill’s dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor the 1996 Memphis/Shelby County Spelling Bee Champion, Eboni Star Gill, on her many impressive achievements, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.